(*g*) whether the Government have received any information in cases of rejection of the application in conformity with rule 2 of the said Government Order, viz., No. 415, dated 26th March 1930?

A.—(*a*) Two ex-military men are now employed, one as a clerk and the other as an examiner of copies.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Vacancies of the kind referred to in G.O. No. 415, Public, dated the 26th March 1930, not having arisen since the date of issue of that order, occasion for publishing notices did not arise.

(*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

(*g*) No applications have been rejected.

Criminal Justice

Public Prosecutor and Assistant Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore.

* 596 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the last appointments of Public Prosecutor and Assistant Public Prosecutor for Coimbatore were made and who are the present incumbents of the offices;

(*b*) whether at the time of the said appointments the District Judge and District Collector were consulted and if so, who were recommended by them;

(*c*) whether before the Collector and the District Judge sent in their recommendations, the consent of the then incumbent was obtained for his continuing in the office for a further term as Public Prosecutor;

(*d*) why the person recommended by both these authorities was not appointed to the office of Public Prosecutorship;

(*e*) what was the standing of the ex-Public Prosecutor for Coimbatore at the bar and what is the standing of the two present incumbents; and

(*f*) for how many years did the ex-Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore hold the office as such Public Prosecutor and why was he thought not fit to hold the office for a further term?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) M.R.Ry. K. Raghavendra Rao Avargal is now the Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore and M.R.Ry. K. G. Gopal Pillai Avargal is the Public Prosecutor in respect of cases coming before the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge, Coimbatore. They were appointed in June 1931 in consultation with the District Magistrate and District Judge and on their recommendation.

(*c*) The District Magistrate stated that the then incumbent was willing to serve for another term.

(*d*) Because he was over 60 years of age.

(*e*) The Government have no information.

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(f) The ex-Public Prosecutor, M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur N. Ramaswami Ayyar Avargal, held that office for four terms, viz., twelve years.

The answer to the second part of the question is because he was over 60 years of age.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether there is a Government Order which says that a member of the bar over sixty years should not be employed as a Public Prosecutor ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" Yes."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether that applies to the mufassal as well ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" It applies certainly to the mufassal, but I do not know whether it applies to the City of Madras."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know why, if it applies to the mufassal, the Public Prosecutor of Tellicherry was reappointed when he was over sixty years ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" That Government Order was not brought to the attention of the authorities at that time."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Was it not a fact that once before the predecessor of the present Law Member said that there was a Government Order and that it would be applied at the time that appointment was made."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I do not know."

Forests

Disafforestation in Salem district.

* 597 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the reserve forests are which are now under disafforestation in Salem district; and

(b) what the forests are which are to be taken up for disafforestation in the near future in the same district?

A.—(a) & (b) The Mallapuram Reserved Forest and a portion of its extension have recently been disafforested. Proposals for the disafforestation of the remaining extent of 265 acres in the extension are awaited from the Chief Conservator. There are no proposals for the disreservation of any further areas at present.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" To a question of mine, the answer was given that petitions have been received from the residents